The information on the number of cases pending in the following High Courts which have been set up for two or more than two States as received from these High Courts is as given below:

S. No.	Name of High Court	Number of pending cases
1.	Bombay	332975
2.	Guwahati	57381
3.	Punjab & Haryana	265302

The Government of Haryana have requested for creation of separate High Court in the existing premises at Chandigarh by allotting 40% of the building, staff, alongwith Judges appointed from Haryana quota. The Chief Justice of Punjab & Haryana High Court has, however, opined that this is not feasible.

The volume of work in Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram and Tripura Benches do not justify setting up of separate High Courts in these States.

Status of Law Commission Report

†2055. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to accept the 114th report of the Law Commission constituted under the Chairmanship of Justice D.A. Desai;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the village courts (Gram Nyayalayas) would be established; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) The Government is considering the question of bringing in a legislation for the establishment of Gram Nyayalayas at the intermediate Panchayat level. The proposal is broadly based on the concept of establishment of Gram Nyayalayas as contained in the 114th Report of the Law Commission of India on Gram Nyayalayas. The proposed Gram Nyayalayas shall consist of a Nyayadhikari who shall be qualified to be eligible to be appointed as a Judicial Magistrate of the first class and belonging to a cadre of Nyayadhikaris constituted by the Governor in consulatation with the State Public Service Commission and the Chief Justice of the High Court and two Lay Judges who shall be holding at least

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

a bachelor's Degree and having experience in socially oriented activities for at least 5 years in the locality. The Gram Nyayalayas would be holding the courts at their head quarters and also as Mobile Courts in the close proximity of the places where the parties ordinarily reside in their territorial jurisdiction. The Gram Nyayalayas will follow summary procedure and have a time bound plan of disposal of the civil and criminal cases coming before them. The manpower required for the proposed Gram Nyayalayas shall be in addition to the existing judicial officers of the subordinate judiciary. It is proposed to hold a National Conference of Law Ministers and Law Secretaries at New Delhi on 18th December, 2005 to discuss the issue of establishment of Gram Nyayalayas. The draft legislation could be finalized only thereafter.

(c) Does not arise.

Shortage of Law Colleges/Schools

2056. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is acute shortage of Law Colleges and Law Schools in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to open new such colleges throughout the country; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise. However, on the basis of recommendations of a Special Subject Group on the Administration and Legal Simplification constituted by the Prime Minister's Council on Trade and Industry on 19.9.1998, a proposal for establishment of National Law University as institution of excellence having world wide recognition and acclaim with three National Law Schools in eastern, western and northern region of the Country is under consideration.

Gold deposits in Andhra Pradesh

2057. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have found any gold deposits in Andhra Pradesh recently; and

(b) if so, the estimated quantity in each case?